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DECEMBER, GENERAL CESAR B E N A V I D E S. MINISTER

OF INTERIOR, AND COLONEL JAUN HANUEL C O N T R E R A S. CHIEF OF

THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), BRIEFED

ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF

DETAINEES AND ON THE INTERNAL POLITICAL AND SUBVERSIVE SITUATION.

BENAVIDES SAID THAT SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 1973 MILITARY TAKEOVER,

38.568 PERSONS HAD BEEN DETAINED AND 8458 HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM AND

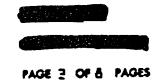
LEFT CHILE, NOT INCLUDING THE CURRENT GROUP IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSY.

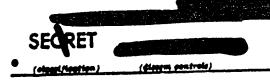
HE PHOVIDED THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF THE 38,568 DETAINED:

1. 22,531 HAVE BEEN PROCESSED AND GRANTED UNCONDITIONAL LIBERTY EITHER IN CHILE OR ABROAD, AND 4.800 OF THAT TOTAL CHOSE THE LATTER AND LEFT THE COUNTRY!

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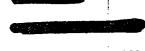
- B. 3.048 HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BUT NOT YET SENTENCED;
- C. 505 HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS!
- D. 3,266 ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED; AND
- E. 1.218 ARE BEING HELD UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE STATE OF SIEGE AND HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROCESSED. INCLUDING 307 DELINQUENTS WHO ARE NOT BEING HELD UNDER POLITICAL CHARGES.
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO CANNOT BE LOGATED, BENAVIDES SAID THAT SOME ARE HELD SECRETLY BECAUSE THEY ARE PART OF SENSITIVE, ONGOING SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS. HE ADDED THAT IF THEIR FAMILIES WERE ADVISED OF THEIR DETENTION, IT HOULD ALERT OTHERS BEING SOUGHT BY THE SECURITY SERVICES. HE SAID THAT IN OTHER CASES, THE PEOPLE INVOLVED HAVE LEFT CHILE ILLEGALLY OR GAINED ASYLUM USING FALSE DOCUMENTATION.
- DETAINES FOR 1974 HAS ABOUT 608 MILLION ESCUDOS (ABOUT U.S. \$390,000 AT THE THEN OFFICIAL RATE OF 1,560 ESCUDOS TO THE U.S. \$1.)

  HE SAID THAT OF THE CURRENT 100 DETAINEES HAITING TO GO ABROAD,

  ONLY 16 HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. ONE

  PRESENT SUGGESTED THAT 100 DETAINEES BE PUT ON A CHARTERED PLANE

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AND FLOWN TO MEXICO, TO LET THE MEXICANS HANDLE THE PROBLEM.

HE ADDED THAT THEIR EXPECTED REJECTION COULD BE USED TO PUBLICIZE

THE RELUCTANCE UF OTHER COUNTIRES TO ACCEPT THEM.

- 4. BENAVIDES SAID THAT THE 32 HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE FORMER ALLENDE GOVERNMENT ARE BEING HELD AT THE RITOQUE PRISON CAMP.
- DENAVIDES ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PROVE ANY KIND OF SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST ANY OF THE 32 OFFICIALS.

  HHO CONFIRMED THE ABOVE FIGURES ON THE DETAINEES. ADDED THAT BENAVIDES DID NOT SUGGEST ANY GOVERNMENT PLAN TO FACILITATE
- ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS, INCLUDING CONSIDERABLE CONTACT WITH THE FOREIGN PRESS. HE ADDED THAT THE LATTER CULMINATED WITH THE EXPULSION FROM CHILE OF RENAN F U E N T E A L B A, LEFTWING LEADER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC), WHO HE SAID HAD CONTACT WITH THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) VIA CLAUDIO H U E P E, ANOTHER LEFTWING PDC LEADER WHO WAS ARRESTED ON 11 OCTOBER.





SAID THAT FUENTEALBA'S NAME HAS INCLUDED, ALONG WITH HUEPE AND OTHER LEFTHING PDC LEADERS, IN MIR DOCUMENTATION WHICH HAS FOUND IN THE HOME OF MIGUEL E N R I Q U E Z, FORMER HEAD OF THE MIR HHO WAS KILLED IN A SHOOTOUT WITH SECURITY FORCES ON 5 OCTOBER.)

- 6. FOLLOWING BENAVIDES' BRIEFING, CONTRERAS OF DINA REPORTED
  THAT THE GROUPS WORKING THE HARDEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT HERE
  THE PDC. THE MIR. AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH). HE ADDED
  THAT THE PDC WAS THE MOST DANGEROUS FORCE, AND SAID THAT IT WAS
  BEING ASSISTED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES
  ABROAD. HE SAID THAT THE LEFTHING OF THE PDC HAS BEEN IN CONTACT
  WITH THE MIR. AND HAS A SECRET PACT WITH THE PCCH FOR COOPERATION.
- 7. CONTRERAS SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO ASSISTING THE PDC.
  THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE HELPING
  THE MIR. AS EXAMPLES, HE CITED RECENT FINDS OF MIR ARMS CACHES IN
  VARIOUS CHURCHES AND CHURCH PROPERTIES. HE ADDED THAT THE SECURITY
  FORCES RECENTLY ARRESTED A CATHOLIC NUN COMING FROM ARGENTINA, WHO
  HAS GARRYING MORE THAN U.S. \$30,000 WHICH WAS TO BE DELIVERED TO
  THE MIR.

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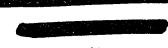
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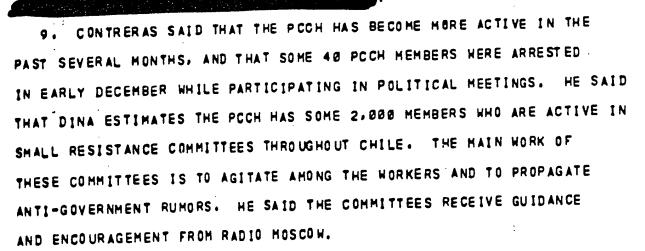
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THE MIR TO BE ALMOST DESTROYED. HE SAID THAT ONLY THREE MEMBERS OF THE MIR POLITICAL COMMISSION REMAIN AT LARGE. HE ADDED THAT MIR EFFORTS TO REORGANIZE HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY RESTRICTED BY THE CONTINUING PRESSURE EXERTED ON THE TERRORISTS BY THE SECURITY FORCES.

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THE PDC AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE STEADILY HORSENING. HE SAID THAT
DINA IS PRESENTING SOME VERY CONVINCING INFORMATION THAT THE PDC

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IS MORKING WITH CHILEAN LABOR IN PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SUBVERT THE GOVERNMENT.) AFTER CONTRERAS' COMMENTS ON THE PDC.

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EVENTUALLY THE GOVERNMENT HOULD HAVE TO HAVE A DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE PDC.

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